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In re application of

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For: PARTS DISTRIBUTION DEVICE FOR PARTS, NOTABLY RIVETS,  
RELEASED AT THE OUTLET OF A STORAGE MEANS SUCH AS A  
VIBRATING BOWL, ITS OPERATING METHOD AND APPROPRIATE  
VIBRATING BOWL

Attorney Docket No.: 3978.018

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, and a copy of an International Search Report are provided herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,385,434 A
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,515,260 A
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,257,392 B1

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**Document 1**

Document 1 is in the English language.

In the International Search Report paragraphs column 1, line 61 - column 2, line 43; fig. 1 and claim 1 were cited as "A" category relevancy to claims 1-8.

**Document 2**

Document 2 is in the English language.

In the International Search Report column 2, line 22 - line 45 and fig. 1-3 were cited as "A" category relevancy to claims 1-8.

**Document 3**

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In the International Search Report entire document was cited as "X" category relevancy to claim 9 and fig. 28 and abstract were cited as "A" category relevancy to claims 1-8.

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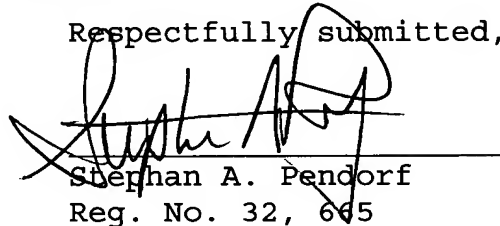
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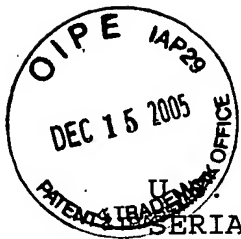
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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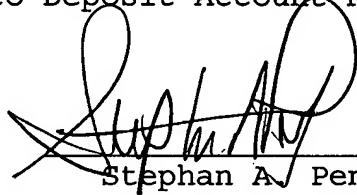
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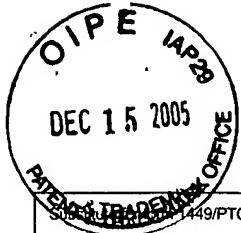
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